Quarterly Population Report

Third Quarter - 2013

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ALBERTA'S GROWTH SPURT CONTINUES[1]

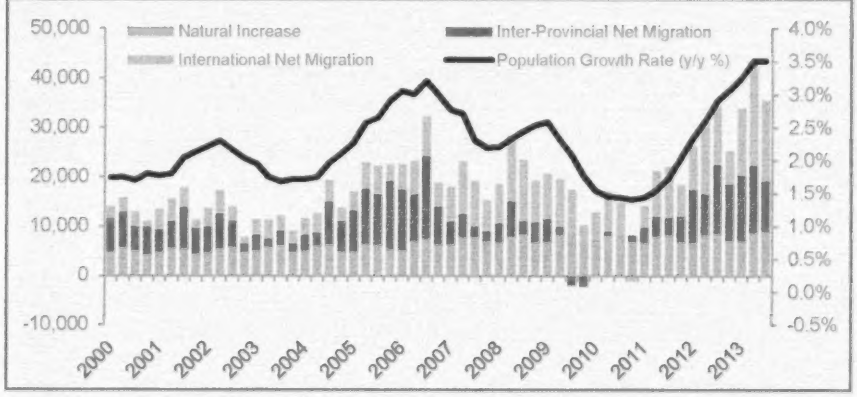
Due largely to the highest third quarter net migration on record, Alberta led the provinces in population growth for the eleventh consecutive quarter. With the addition of 35,645 new residents between July and September, the province expanded its population by 0.89% to 4,060,719 people. This was Alberta's highest third quarter population growth rate since 2006, and more than doubled Canada's growth of 0.39%. British Columbia and Saskatchewan were the only other provinces whose growth exceeded the national rate.

1 All data are from Statistics Canada. Estimates from 2007-2013 are based on the 2011 Census adjusted for net census undercount and incompletely enumerated Indian Reserves.

TABLE 1: POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, CANADA & ALBERTA

Population			Yearly Growth Rate		
1-Oct	Canada	Alberta	1-Oct	Canada	Alberta
2008	33,371,810	3,619,298	2008	1.12%	2.43%
2009	33,756,714	3,694,520	2009	1.15%	2.08%
2010	34,131,451	3,747,504	2010	1.11%	1.43%
2011	34,473,479	3,812,298	2011	1.00%	1.73%
2012	34,884,137	3,923,016	2012	1.19%	2.90%
2013	35,295,770	4,060,719	2013	1.18%	3.51%

FIGURE 1: ALBERTA COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE, 3RD QUARTER



Year-over-year, Alberta saw the strongest population growth in Canada, expanding by 3.51%[2] or almost 138,000 people. Besides Alberta, Saskatchewan was the only other province whose growth outpaced the national average of 1.18%.

MIGRATION

Migration continues to be the main driver of population growth in Alberta as about 26,700 new residents from different parts of Canada and the world moved here during the third quarter. Responsible for three-quarters of the province's quarterly population growth, this net migration gain was the highest third quarter recorded (Figure 1), surpassing even the extremely high migration levels seen in 1980.

Interprovincial migration

Alberta continued to see strong gains through interprovincial migration this quarter, as 10,269 net migrants from other parts of Canada took up residence here. Although net inflows moderated slightly from the third quarter last year, they were still higher than average for the third quarter. The majority of these newcomers to Alberta came from Ontario (4,661), Quebec (1,614), New Brunswick (1,004) and Nova Scotia (948) (Table 3).

Among the provinces, only Alberta and Saskatchewan saw positive net flows of interprovincial migrants this quarter, but Alberta's net inflow far exceeded Saskatchewan's net gain of just over 600. Quebec (4,205), followed by New Brunswick (1,629) and Nova Scotia (1,527) experienced the largest outflows.

2 this growth represents year-over-year variation (Oct 1)

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 & GROWTH RATES SINCE OCTOBER 1, 2012

	Canada	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
Population	35,295,770	527,464	145,295	940,567	755,710	8,174,510	13,585,887	1,268,915	1,114,170	4,060,719	4,606,375	36,690	43,523	35,945
Growth Rate	1.18%	-0.04%	0.03%	-0.41%	-0.12%	0.83%	0.95%	1.17%	1.81%	3.51%	1.04%	0.40%	-0.19%	2.67%

Net International Migration

Alberta continues to be an attractive destination for migrants from outside the country. The 16,436 new people the province gained through net international migration represented a third-quarter record. This international movement included almost 9,200 permanent residents; about 14% of all immigrants to Canada. Only Ontario (39%) and Quebec (21%) attracted a greater share of immigrants (Table 4).

Alberta was the destination of choice for 8,213 net non-permanent residents (NPRs); a new third quarter record and more than double the 3,700 who arrived in the same quarter last year. The unusually large net inflow of NPRs is related to a high number of entries of foreign students and workers associated with recently-implemented policies that allow certain NPRs to extend their residence in Canada under some conditions.[3]

3 For more details on non-permanent resident programs or policies contact Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

NATURAL INCREASE

In the third quarter Alberta recorded 14,483 births and 5,543 deaths for a natural increase of 8,940 (Table 4). Alberta had the highest natural growth rate among the provinces (0.22%), almost double the Canadian average of 0.12%.

The impact of Alberta's relatively young population is reflected in its birth and death rates. In the third quarter, Alberta had only 1.4 deaths per thousand people, the lowest rate of all the provinces. On the other hand, among the provinces, the 3.6 births per thousand population in Alberta was matched only by Saskatchewan.

TABLE 3: ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Origin \ Destination	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
NL	0	46	347	75	49	776	22	65	803	147	0	26	0
PEI	21	0	137	187	60	322	0	16	259	78	0	0	19
NS	337	116	0	842	288	1,504	95	112	1,542	315	18	0	0
NB	33	115	457	0	685	1,261	45	108	1,452	338	35	29	36
QC	78	48	311	493	0	6,407	188	132	2,262	829	20	6	73
ON	623	164	1,299	758	3,934	0	1,137	1,006	9,043	3,447	22	84	53
MB	130	15	73	22	165	1,377	0	512	1,803	810	0	20	25
SK	39	0	70	3	62	1,049	484	0	2,332	769	0	22	0
AB	553	150	594	448	648	4,382	1,048	2,423	0	5,994	11	67	29
BC	135	36	298	129	635	3,318	659	1,040	6,869	0	50	70	51
YT	0	0	22	0	47	71	8	34	46	144	0	19	10
NWT	0	0	11	0	37	77	10	19	195	110	42	0	7
NVT	13	0	23	8	32	36	0	0	10	27	0	0	0

	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
IN	1,962	690	3,642	2,965	6,642	20,580	3,696	5,467	26,616	13,008	198	343	303
OUT	2,356	1,099	5,169	4,594	10,847	21,570	4,952	4,830	16,347	13,290	401	508	149
NET	-394	-409	-1,527	-1,629	-4,205	-990	-1,256	637	10,269	-282	-203	-165	154

Q3 2013	NL	PEI	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NWT	NVT
Outflow to AB	803	259	1,542	1,452	2,262	9,043	1,803	2,332	0	6,869	46	195	10
Inflow from AB	553	150	594	448	648	4,382	1,048	2,423	0	5,994	11	67	29
Net Flow to AB	250	109	948	1,004	1,614	4,661	755	-91	0	875	35	128	-19

Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of "...persons who are lawfully in Canada on a temporary basis under the authority of a temporary resident permit, along with members of their family living with them. Non-permanent residents (NPR) include foreign workers, foreign students, the humanitarian population and other temporary residents. The humanitarian population includes refugee claimants and temporary residents who are allowed to remain in Canada on humanitarian grounds and are not categorized as either foreign workers or foreign students."

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 4: ALBERTA COMPONENTS OF GROWTH BY QUARTER

Quarters in Census Year	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration						Total	Vital Events		Total*
	In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net	Total Net Migration	Births	Deaths	Sum of Components
2010													
Jul-Sep	16,263	18,283	-2,020	7,585	2,280	2,040	695	1,444	8,574	6,554	13,697	4,887	15,364
Oct-Dec	9,436	11,638	-2,202	5,929	-1,486	1,279	483	695	3,376	1,174	12,397	5,576	7,995
Jan-Mar	15,008	14,860	148	6,762	-126	1,247	476	669	5,582	5,730	12,263	5,178	12,815
Apr-Jun	17,251	16,448	803	9,729	-668	1,531	630	1,216	8,116	8,919	13,165	5,029	17,055
Total	**57,958**	**61,229**	**-3,271**	**30,005**	**0**	**6,097**	**2,284**	**4,024**	**25,648**	**22,377**	**51,522**	**20,670**	**53,229**
2011													
Jul-Sep	16,766	16,767	-1	9,485	-1,792	2,165	710	1,942	6,760	6,759	13,218	5,110	14,867
Oct-Dec	12,428	11,098	1,330	6,667	-6,610	1,511	475	868	-1,061	269	12,222	5,438	7,053
Jan-Mar	15,768	12,608	3,160	5,916	-309	1,607	471	852	4,381	7,541	12,203	5,582	14,162
Apr-Jun	19,013	15,059	3,954	8,389	1,460	1,459	628	1,569	9,331	13,285	13,210	5,176	21,319
Total	**63,975**	**55,532**	**8,443**	**30,457**	**-7,251**	**6,742**	**2,284**	**5,231**	**19,411**	**27,854**	**50,853**	**21,306**	**57,401**
2012													
Jul-Sep	20,972	17,495	3,477	8,970	2,310	2,169	710	1,942	10,343	13,820	13,404	5,117	22,107
Oct-Dec	14,677	9,560	5,117	7,690	-71	1,514	475	868	6,498	11,615	12,223	5,358	18,480
Jan-Mar	21,569	10,849	10,720	7,520	2,512	1,611	471	852	8,802	19,522	12,475	5,787	26,210
Apr-Jun	23,619	15,281	8,338	10,386	5,334	1,462	628	1,569	15,199	23,537	13,583	5,369	31,751
Total	**80,837**	**53,185**	**27,652**	**34,566**	**10,085**	**6,756**	**2,284**	**5,231**	**40,842**	**68,494**	**51,685**	**21,631**	**98,548**
2013													
Jul-Sep	31,963	18,048	13,915	9,086	3,700	2,177	710	1,942	11,841	25,756	13,834	5,313	34,277
Oct-Dec	19,910	8,377	11,533	9,103	-1,386	1,519	475	868	6,591	18,124	12,669	5,567	25,226
Jan-Mar	26,714	13,276	13,438	8,094	6,774	1,617	471	852	13,632	27,070	12,946	6,018	33,998
Apr-Jun	34,229	20,438	13,791	10,543	10,472	1,469	628	1,569	20,487	34,278	14,136	5,580	42,834
Total	**112,816**	**60,139**	**52,677**	**36,826**	**19,560**	**6,782**	**2,284**	**5,231**	**52,551**	**105,228**	**53,585**	**22,478**	**136,335**
2014													
Jul-Sep	26,616	16,347	10,269	9,168	8,213	2,177	710	1,942	16,436	26,705	14,483	5,543	35,645
Oct-Dec	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jan-Mar	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apr-Jun	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	**26,616**	**16,347**	**10,269**	**9,168**	**8,213**	**2,177**	**710**	**1,942**	**16,436**	**26,705**	**14,483**	**5,543**	**35,645**

* The sum of the components may not equal the total quarterly population change due to differences in the methods used to derive intercensal and post censal estimates.

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